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Mr. Richard M. Hadsell Regional Administrator General Services Administration National Capital Region Washington, D.C. 20407

Dear Mr. Hadsell:

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Building cafeteria was shut In late November 1986, down for asbestos removal and other renovations. In May 1987, shortly after these renovations were completed, representatives of my office met with personnel from National Capital Region's Concessions and Leasing Branches to develop a schedule for resumption of cafeteria service that would comply with the requirements of the Randolph-Sheppard Act. It was decided that the State Licensing Agency for the State of Virginia would be offered the opportunity to provide this service, and they subsequently accepted. Since that time, little apparent progress has been made toward reopening the cafeteria. Without dwelling on the successive iterations of schedule commitments and slippages, the bottom line is that approximately Building have been without cafeteria inhabitants of service for over a year, and our mutual efforts over the past seven months have yet to produce a credible reopening date.

Although our employees have shown remarkable patience, their inability to obtain a nutritional meal on premises has now become an untenable situation. Hany of our employee's work schedules do not permit them to leave the building during the lunch hour; and the frustration caused by the lack of adequate food service and observing each day a nicely refinished but vacant cafeteria facility, is proving highly detrimental to employee morale. When you consider also time lost by leaving the building for lunch, being forced out of the building unnecessarily during inclement weather, and other inefficiencies associated with the absence of a cafeteria, the true cost is substantial.

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I recognize and appreciate that your personnel are actively working this matter on a priority basis and believe that by this point in time a realistic reopening date should be available. I therefore request that you provide a firm commitment as soon as possible regarding the date for resumption of cafeteria service in Building.

John M. Ray
Director of Logistics

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